

centre of the silk-weaving industry in
 the Greek
 Empire; as many as two thousand Jews
 alone were
 engaged in this craft in the city. The
 Antiochone
 plundered the place to its last penny
 and loaded his
 vessels so with captives, with gold and
 silver, and
 silken vestments, that his vessels sank
 as low as the
 third oar-bank in the water. Corinth
 itself, also a
 great industrial and mercantile centre,
 was next at-
 tacked and the citizens had to fly to
 Aero-Corinth
 where an imperial garrison held out
 under Niccph-
 orus Caluphes. The Admiral taunted
 the Greek as
 "feebler than a woman and only fit to
 spin wool,"
 but he failed to reduce the garrison
 and at once
 abandoned Corinth, Returning to
 Sicily, George
 entered the harbour of Palermo in
 triumph,, his
 ships resembling the galleys of rich
 merchants
 rather than the pirate-craft that they
 actually
 were,¹ A lasting result of the raid was
 that the
 silk-workers among his captives were
 settled as a
 permanent colony in Palermo, where
 they estab-
 lished their industry,
 Meanwhile tidings of complete
 disaster to the
 crusading armies came from Asia
 Minor, At
 Doryteuxn the German host, halting
 through
 failure of provisions, was suddenly
 assaulted by

swarms of Turkish horse-archers,
and had to

¹ So says Nicctaa Choniatoi **maliciously**, p, *gg*,
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